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[HOUSE FILE No. 31.—RAILWAYS.]

## A BILL

FOR AN ACT FOR THE PREVENTION OF OVERCHARGE OR EXTORTION BY RAILROADS IN IOWA AND AMENDING SECTION 13, CHAPTER 5 OF THE LAWS OF THE SEVENTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa :*

SECTION 1. That section (13) of chapter 5 of the laws of the Seventeenth General Assembly be amended by inserting after the word "therefor," in the 11th line thereof the following: *provided*, that a charge for the transportation of either passengers or freight of a greater sum for a shorter distance within the State of Iowa than is a fair or usual charge for a longer distance on the same line or lines to or from any point, whether within or without the State of Iowa shall be deemed an overcharge to at least the extent of the difference between the sum so charged, and *provided further* that where one of the termini of said shorter distance for which such greater charge shall be made is without the State of Iowa, then such greater charge shall be presumed to have been made upon that portion of the line or lines within the State of Iowa and presumption of overcharge or extortion within the meaning of this act to at least the difference of the sums so charged.